

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

4:12 p.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

The Family and Children Services Committee met jointly with the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Human Services.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Polidori moved to adopt the minutes of the **February 28, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Pearce moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 1, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Shaffer, Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Human Services opened the floor for discussion on the Adoption Subsidy Program.

TESTIMONY

Cheryl Haddock, representing a minor adoptive child.

Denise LaFave Smith, attorney, representing Cheryl Krapf-Haddock.

Carol Patrick, a former adoptive parent.

Brenda Zaroni, an adoptive parent.

Tim O'Hanlon, Ph.D, representing Adoption Subsidy Advocates, testified via teleconference.

Kate Hanley, Director of the Adoption Services Division, Michigan Department of Human Services.

The following people submitted cards and did not wish to speak:

Marylou Bax, representing the Foster Adoptive Family Resource Center.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Representative John Stahl, Chair
House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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1 Hour 51 Minutes